



MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

VISITOR DISTRIBUTION &
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Alternatives Screening Criteria Key

1. Is it consistent with NPS/Park mission, federal legislation and regulations, and NPS management policies and Director's orders?
2. Does it meet project "purpose" or resolve project "need"?
3. Is it consistent with project goals and objectives?
4. Is it technically feasible (implementable)?
5. Is it economically feasible?
6. Will it result in impairment of park resources or values?

Alternatives Considered But Eliminated – And Why

Eliminated Alternative	Screening Criteria					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Southern Access Road			NO	NO	NO	
Tunnel from Navajo Hill to North Rim			NO		NO	
New Road from Cortez to Wetherill Mesa Road			NO		NO	
Additional Turnouts on Entrance Road		NO	NO			
Chapin Mesa Passing Lanes		NO	NO			
Wetherill Mesa Climbing Lanes		NO	NO			
Bike Lane on Entrance Road		NO	NO			
New Hiking and Bicycle Trails in Back Country	NO	NO	NO			
Provide Bicycle Racks/Storage on Aerial Trams		NO				
Aerial Tramway SW of Park Entrance to Morefield Village	NO				NO	
Aerial Tramway from Park Entrance to Far View Area					NO	
Light Rail from Far View to Park HQ, Cliff Palace and Mesa Top Loops					NO	
Community Connections (Multi-use Trail, Cortez-Mancos)	NO					
Aerial Cableway from North of Towaoc to Wetherill Mesa	NO				NO	
Aerial Tramway from Cortez to Morefield Village	NO				NO	
Aerial Tramway South of Cortez to Far View Lodge Area	NO					



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Light Rail from Cortez to Far View Area or Wetherill Mesa	NO			NO		
Light Rail from Cortez to Park Headquarters with Cog Rail up Escarpment	NO		NO		NO	
Open Park to Hikers Only (No Personal Vehicles or Transit)	NO	NO	NO			
Close Park for Specified Periods of Time	NO	NO	NO			
Mule/Horse Rides from Cortez to MV on Old Coal Roads	NO	NO	NO			
Mule/Horse Rides from Mancos to MV on Historic Road	NO	NO	NO			
Mule/Horse Rides in Backcountry	NO	NO	NO			
Develop New Trails in Backcountry	NO	NO	NO			
Limited 4x4 Bus Tours to Morefield Village Archeological Site in Backcountry	NO	NO	NO			
Provide Free Rock Climbing on Face of North Escarpment		NO	NO			



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